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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or efter June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000, if the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Cdf. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rapty Brief praviously filed on Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) under 37 CFR 1.97(d) previously filed on Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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Other Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a. 🔲 __months. (Period of suspension shall not expeed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) Fees The RGE fee under 37 G.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is fied. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0455. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.A. § 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §5 1.136 and 1.17) Other Information Disclosure Fee b. Check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2004 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 37,869 David P. KaCpa Name (Print /Type) 8/3/04 Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.8 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope address to Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or faceimile transmitted to 703-872-8311.on this date: 3 August 2004 Deborah J. Mouzon Typed or printed name Mour

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